

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated June 30, 2005 claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Sholes (U.S. Patent 4,368,521), in view of Hokari (U.S. Patent 4,787,021). Claims 2, 3, and 5 – 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and claims 12 – 22 were indicated as allowable.

In response claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of former claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. In view of the amendments claims 1, 4 – 11 and 12 – 22 are believed to be in condition for allowance and the Applicants respectfully request that Notice of Allowance for these claims be issued.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 CFR § 136(a)(3).

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